

## House Resolution 1800

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup> and Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Sharon D. Collins; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Sharon D. Collins has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins has diligently and conscientiously devoted numerous hours of her  
6 time, talents, and energy for the last 20 years to civic organizations and has held numerous  
7 leadership roles in community organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, her vision and commitment have been instrumental to Neighborhood Planning  
9 Unit V (NPU-V), where she has served with honor and distinction as president, chairperson,  
10 and vice chairperson, and she received an Outstanding Service to NPU-V Award in 2002;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins has been an active volunteer of the Mechanicsville Civic  
13 Association since 1995, where she serves as chairperson and helps plan and implement  
14 proactive initiatives for sustainable commercial and residential redevelopment in one of  
15 Atlanta's first residential neighborhoods; and

16 WHEREAS, through her work with the Mechanicsville Civic Association, Ms. Collins has  
17 established the Impressionable Youth program for local 12 to 18 years olds, which develops  
18 youth leadership, financial management skills, community involvement, and positive  
19 intergenerational interaction; and

20 WHEREAS, her remarkable patience and diplomacy have been instrumental to the  
21 Association as liaison for the Olympic mural painting project at Paul Lawrence Dunbar  
22 Elementary School and while representing the neighborhood at meetings with the City of

23 Atlanta, Atlanta Development Authority, Fulton County, Habitat for Humanity-Atlanta, and  
24 other public and private organizations; and

25 WHEREAS, an owner of To Top it Off, Ms. Collins has been recognized with numerous  
26 honors and awards, including a Neighborhood Achievement Award from the Atlanta  
27 Planning Advisory Board, an Ellen Sulzberger Strauss Leadership Award from the Enterprise  
28 Foundation, and a Distinguished Service Award from the Atlanta Clean City Commission;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, her vision has been evident in the many leadership roles she has held, including  
31 treasurer of the Habitat for Humanity-Atlanta Homeowners Association, chairperson of the  
32 Mechanicsville Advisory Council, and vice president of the Southside High School  
33 Parent-Teacher Association; and

34 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins is an active member of the Related Vocational Instruction Advisory  
35 Board, the License Review Board of the City of Atlanta, the executive board of the  
36 SUMMECH Housing Development Corporation, the Bill Lucas Branch and Butler Street  
37 Y.M.C.A., and the Mechanicsville Annual Neighborhood Reunion Committee; and

38 WHEREAS, as a community activist and role model for people from all generations and  
39 walks of life, she brings honor to the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and our country;  
40 and

41 WHEREAS, the passion and efforts of this unbelievably talented woman on behalf of her  
42 community are unparalleled, and it is fitting that this body express its appreciation to Ms.  
43 Collins for the great credit she reflects on her community and this state.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body commend Ms. Sharon D. Collins for her outstanding service to the  
46 City of Atlanta and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
48 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Sharon D. Collins.